महोदय, मैं आप का प्रोटेक्शन चाहता हूं कि गृह मंत्री जी कम-से-कम एक लफ्ज तो कह दें कि इस में हम मदद करेंगे।

श्री उपसभापति: गृह मंत्री जी, श्री जय प्रकाश जी ने जो मैटर उठाया है क्या आप उस बारे में कुछ रिएक्ट करना चाहते है?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): Sir, this matter is looked into by the Urban Development Ministry. We had a discussion, and we are trying to see that, without going against the orders of the court, as to how we can deal with this matter in a manner that it does not cause unnecessary inconvenience. That is all.

GOVERNMENT BILL

The Government of Union Territories and The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2006

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ. V. PATIL): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move.

> "That the Bill further to amend the government of Union Territories Act, 1963 and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, be taken into consideration."

Sir, the second proviso to article 82 and the second proviso to article 170(3) of the Constitution provide that readjustment of constituencies after the delimitation exercise will take only from such date as the President may, by order, specify, and until such readjustment takes effect, any election to the House shall be held on the basis of territorial constituencies existing before such readjustment. In other words, the Delimitation Orders, issued by the Delimitation Commission under the Delimitation Act, 2002, in which the constituencies will be readjusted on the basis of 2001, Census, will take effect only from such date as the President may, by order, specify, and till such time, elections will be held on the basis of 1971 Census.

As far as Union Territory of Pondicherry and the National Capital Territory of Delhi are concerned, there is no such provision empowering the President of the Central Government to specify the date from which

1.00 P.M.

The delimitation will take effect. There is, therefore, an inconsistency between the provisions applicable to the State and the Union Territories.

The delimitation exercise in respect of Union Territory of Pondicherry has been completed but in the case of the majority of States and the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the exercise is in progress. Hence, an anomalous situation will arise in which elections may have to be conducted on the basis of delimitation based on 2001 Census in the Union Territory of Pondicherry, but in the rest of the country, the elections would be held on the basis of the 1971 Census.

The Bill seeks to rectify the aforesaid anomalous situation arising out of lack of a suitable enabling provison in the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1963 and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, by inserting a provision similar to the corresponding provisions under the second proviso to article 82 and the second proviso to clause (3) of article 170 of the Constitution in the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 with retrospective effect, that is from 31st March, 2005, and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, from the date of assent of the Bill. With these words I commend the Bill to this august House for approval.

The question was proposed.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The motion is moved. Mr. V. Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I rise to support the Bill. The Government of Union Territories and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2006 moved by the hon. Minister...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA (Jharkhand): it was decided to pass this Bill without discussion....(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Narayanasamy, it was decided to pass this Bill without discussion....(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, this issue was raised before the hon.

Chairman. I requested him to allow me to speak for ten minutes....(*Interruptions*)...I want ten minutes.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, let us pass it without discussion. ...(*Interruptions*)...It was decided in the BAC to pass it wothout discussion...(*Interruptions*)...Let us pass it without discussion....(*Interruptions*)...Why do you want to record everything?...(*Interruptions*)...

(MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, kindly permit me to speak for five minutes.

श्री सभापति: बोलने दीजिए।...(व्यवधान)... आप जल्दी बोल दीजिए।...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, I will be brief. I will take only five minutes. I will not take more than five minutes.

SHRI CHAIRMAN: You takes only five minutes.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It is just to remove the technical lacuna, which was there in the original Bill, that this Bill has been brought forward. The earlier election was held on the basis of the 1971 census. Now the present election is going to be held on the basis of the 2001 census. It is to correct that anomaly this Bill has been brought forward. Therefore, I support this Bill.

While supporting the Bill, I would like to put on record my appreciation and my praise for the hon. Home Minister. When the Union Territory of Pondicherry was severely affected by Tsunami, the first Cabinet Minister who visted the Union Territory of Pondicherry was the hon. Home Minister. I have to pay my regard to him because when the people were in distress, when more than 600 people died in a small territory, the hon. Home Minister was there and he announced some relief immediately on the spot and the people were also very happy about it. Apart from that, the relief and rehabilitation scheme, which was announced by the hon. Home Minister, reached the people. it reached the fishermen community. I would like to say that a boat-owner, who lost his boat, has got Rs. 4.5 lakhs as rehabilitation package. They got Rs. 2.5 lakhs and Rs. 3.5 lakhs to start their operation again. apart from that, people who lost their land due to the flow of saline water have also received compensation. The money

has been provided by the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Home Minister immediately to assuage the feeling of the people who have been affected by Tsunami. Coming to the second aspect, the Budget allocation for my State for this year i would like to say...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति : यह पांडिचेरी का मैटर है, आज तक किसी ने इस पर नहीं बोला है।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: that the Government of India has allocated Rs. 1,410 crores. In the past, when the NDA Government was there, our Budget allocation was only Rs. 400 crores. Now, we have got Rs. 1,410 crores. (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Narayanasamy, you look at the Chair.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It is for the development of the State. Therefore, I must appreciate the Central Government for the various development schemes like tourism, developing the Tsunami affected areas, the temple town of Tirunallar, which is the only Sanishwar Temple in the whole country, etc. An amount of Rs. 100 crores has been allocated to develop the temple town in a big manner. Apart from that, the hon. Home. Minister has paid attention to developing the State. Therefor, I pay my regards to the hon. Home Minister. When there was torrential rain, immediate relief was given by the Central Government. A Special Economic Zone was given to us. The development of the port was also taken up. Within these two years the amount of development that has taken place is enormous. I would like to submit that the Central Government deserves appreciation for that.

There is one more point. There is a longstanding demand from the people of Pondicherry that the State of Pondicherry should be given the Special Category Status. It has been pending for a long time. Now, Delhi is demanding statehood. We are also demanding statehood. A committee was constituted. It went into it. Its recommendations had come. They were accepted. Previously, Pondicherry was the only Union Territory which had a legislative assembly. We have now got infrastructure. We have got financial status and we have got development. Now we will be able to stand on our own legs. Therefore, I request the hon. Home Minister to condiser our demand for a special category status, that is, statehood to the Union Territory of Pondicherry. With these words, I support this Bill. Thank you.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, so far as the special status is concerned, it can be considered at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now the question is:

That the Bill further to amend the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 and 3 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, I move:

"That the Bill be passed."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

श्री सभापति: स्पेशल मेंशन्स। माननीय सदस्यगण, यदि सारे स्पेशल मेंशन्स लेना चाहते हैं, तो आज खाने का समय छोड़ दीजिए।

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR (Andhra Pradesh): Agreed, Sir.

Need to amend the P.N.D.T. Act in order to protect Girl Children in the Country

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the population census in the country shows that the number of girls has been falling steadily for the past two decades as compared to the number of boys. For every 1,000 boys up to the age of six, the number of girls dropped from 962 in 1981 to 945 in 1991 and 927 in 2001. It is a fact that the ratio of number of females per thousand male is falling in many States in the country even today. Despite a legal ban in india on sex selection of babies, this practice is still widely prevalent and it is estimated that, at